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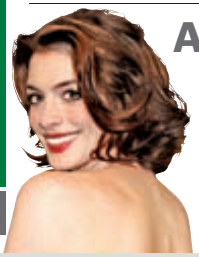

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BIKES Cyclists won't have to use their own steam to get a change of scenery this season as Go Transit offers a smoother ride for people wanting to pedal through the towns and cities dotted between Toronto and Niagara Falls.

From the Victoria Day weekend until the fall, Go Transit will offer a roll-on, roll-off service that will let riders easily transport their bikes to new destinations to enjoy a day's ride.

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Actors Joshua Jackson, who was born in Vancouver, and Diane Kruger attend the Chanel Cruise Collection presentation yesterday in Saint-Tropez, France.

Forced out at home

Jays-Phillies series moved to Philly due to G20 summit

Toronto Blue Jays president Paul Beeston said the team made a sensible choice in moving a highly anticipated three-game series with the Phillies to Philadelphia despite the club's anticipation of a season-high attendance of 90,000-plus fans had the series remained in Toronto.

The decision to move the series, which was to be highlighted by a tribute to Roy Halladay in his first visit back to Toronto since joining the Phillies in January, was arrived at yesterday after several months of discussions over security concerns with the G20 summit.

The summit is being staged at the Metro Convention Centre — adjacent to the Rogers Centre where the Blue Jays play — and posed several security barriers to fans, some that summit officials are not yet prepared to release.

Beeston said the Jays are offering full refunds to fans who purchased tickets to the Philly series, with the bonus of a fan's choice for an additional game.

Beeston, meanwhile, said the two teams have worked out an agreement to share gate and all other revenues from the series, although the Phillies will first cover their operating costs.

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Roy Halladay

France passes resolution against face-covering veils

GROUNDWORK French lawmakers unanimously passed a resolution yesterday asserting that face-covering Muslim veils are contrary to the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity on which France is founded.

The non-binding resolution, passed 434-0, lays the groundwork for a planned law forbidding face-covering veils in public, including in the streets.

One lawmaker compared women who fully cover themselves to "phantoms" and "walking coffins."

The bill calling for a global ban on such garments goes before parliament in July.

A draft text is to be reviewed by the cabinet May 19. A similar veil ban is in the works in neighbouring Belgium.

France banned Muslim headscarves and other "ostentatious" religious symbols in classrooms in 2004 after a bitter debate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ontario's privacy commissioner is raising concerns that the province's smart grid plan could reveal "intimate details" about the lives of hydro customers. In her annual report, Ann Cavoukian, left, says information about when people cook, take showers, even whether a home has an alarm system, could be determined by data collected by the smart grid system. She says that raises questions of who might gain access to that information, and is calling on the government to make sure that people's privacy is protected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shelter euthanizing hundreds of animals

Ringworm outbreak cited as reason for drastic measure

An Ontario animal shelter battling a ringworm infection began euthanizing some 350 dogs, cats and other animals yesterday, with officials blaming human error for the outbreak.

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said it decided to kill the animals after an attempt to contain the infection — which had also spread to six workers at the Newmarket shelter — failed.

Kate MacDonald

"We have some standard protocols as would any shelter when there is an outbreak of this type," said Kate MacDonald, the society's chief executive.

"Unfortunately, we have determined in this situation that due to human error, the protocols were not followed."

While MacDonald would not say what protocols failed, she added "we don't believe it was wilful."

The ringworm could have been introduced by any animal "that's come through the door," said Tania Firmage, acting director of animal care for the OSPCA.

Screening animals for ringworm — a skin infection caused by a fungus — is "part of the protocol" and tests show all of the rooms at the shelter have been infected, she added.

MacDonald said the illness had been festering for weeks and all adoption activity at the shelter has been suspended.

The branch will undergo a thorough cleansing and an inspection to ensure the ringworm is eradicated before it reopens for adoptions.

A handful of high school students protested outside the shelter yesterday, and security guards were stationed outside the building.

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A worker in a hazardous material suit leads a dog from its kennel to its fate at the OSPCA shelter in Newmarket. Approximately 350 dogs and cats are being euthanized after the shelter experienced a ringworm outbreak.

War vet, ceaseless worker share $7.8M prize

LOTTERY A Polish Second World War veteran and a struggling waitress from Toronto are joint winners of a $7.8-million Lotto 6-49 jackpot.

Peter Kaczmarczyk and Krystyna Skwira have been buying lottery tickets together for four years.

Skwira, 52, who came to Canada in 1989, has at times juggled multiple jobs and in the last 21 years only taken one short vacation.

Kaczmarczyk says his friend is known for her heart of gold and her willingness to help others before she helps herself.

"Today is one of the first days since I came to Canada that I didn't have to go into work." Krystyna Skwira

The 82-year-old Kaczmarczyk came to Canada in 1948, after fighting in the Second World War, and has lived in Toronto since, working as a cab driver for two decades before retiring.

Neither Skwira nor Kaczmarczyk have been home to Poland in many decades, so a trip overseas is in the works for both of them.

"It's a great feeling," said Skwira. "Today is one of the first days since I came to Canada that I didn't have to go into work."

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News in brief

TECHNOLOGY Canadian technology company i4i says it has cleared another hurdle in its protracted patent battle against Microsoft Corp, in a case that could end up being heard in the U.S. Supreme Court. Toronto-based i4i said yesterday that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has confirmed the validity of its software patent after Microsoft had asked that it be reviewed.

CHILD PORN A Toronto man has been charged with possessing and making child pornography. Police received a warrant to search a home in a neighbourhood near Royal York Road and the Queensway last Thursday, where they say they seized child pornography. Robert Rayner, 50, has been charged. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Police seek female in dry cleaning death
Police want to speak to a woman captured on surveillance video near a dry cleaners where Rose Liu, 61, was found dead Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

We're the Great One

Let Toronto open securities office, premier says

Toronto is the Wayne Gretzky of Canada's financial markets and should be home to a new national securities regulator, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Quebec may complain it would be hurt by the creation of a single regulator, but Toronto is the country's leader in financial services and is the natural home for the new body, said McGuinty.

"I'm sure that secretly some of Wayne Gretzky's bench mates complained when he got too much ice time, but the coach kept putting him on the ice because he kept scoring goals," McGuinty said. "The leading goal scorer when it comes to banking and financial institutions in this country is Toronto, Ontario. We can do it, and we can do it well for the benefit of the whole team, Canada."

The Ontario premier wasn't moved by a study commissioned by a coalition of Quebec's business leaders, released Monday, which warned the creation of a single securities regulator would threaten thousands of jobs in Quebec.

"I understand they have a different perspective on this in Quebec than the one we have here, but I think ours in Ontario is shared with many other parts of the country," said McGuinty. "I think most folks who take a look at this will come to the conclusion that we should just have one body, and it turns out we're really good at this stuff right here in this city."

However, McGuinty said most provinces and territories, and the business community, recognize that having 13 securities regulators instead of just one hurts the country as a whole.

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Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is unmoved by Quebec's plea.

Quebec warning

- Quebec finance minister Raymond Bachand said Monday that creating a single regulator would shift 500 to 1,000 high-level jobs to Toronto, with supporting lawyers, accountants and tax specialists to follow.

Tamil Tiger fundraiser faces jail

COURT An Ontario man became the first person convicted under Canada's post-9/11 law against raising funds for a terrorist group, after pleading guilty yesterday to raising $600 for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

Prapaharan Thambithurai, 46, of Maple, Ont., also collected pledges for another $2,000 from Sri Lankans in the Vancouver area, where he was arrested two years ago.

Thambithurai was described as a "street-level canvasser" with a relatively insignificant role in raising money for the Tamil Tigers in Canada.

But federal prosecutor Martha Devlin told a B.C. Supreme Court judge his actions must be denounced nonetheless.

"Terrorism is a unique form of crime that impacts directly on the way that we live," said Devlin, after Thambithurai pleaded guilty to one count.

Prapaharan Thambithurai

"While the sum that Mr. Thambithurai collected was minimal, there is no doubt that fundraising activities rely on every penny. It's unfortunate for Mr. Thambithurai that his efforts that he was engaged in here, perhaps in his view justified for humanitarian reasons, the money was destined for a terrorist entity."

Devlin recommended a two-year prison term, while Thambithurai's lawyer asked for a three-year suspended sentence. A decision on sentencing is expected Friday.

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Cops seek sex assault suspect

Police are seeking public assistance in locating Edmund Cherry. The man, 28, is a suspect in the March 24 sexual assault of 19-year-old woman. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TTC welcomes DIY streetcar designers

Riders can propose colours or name for new cars

TTC officials have already committed $1.2 billion to buying Toronto new streetcars. Now they want your two cents on how those vehicles should look.

Sick of red and cream? Think "Rocket" is a dumb name for a streetcar that leaves you on the curb?

Riders are being invited to complete a survey, offer interior and exterior colour suggestions, proffer name suggestions or even volunteer to be part of a focus group.

The 204 cars, which will replace the downtown fleet, arrive for testing next year and go into service in 2013.

The website includes black-and-white renderings of the streetcars and their interiors, which can be downloaded and coloured in. It also explains how earlier generations of streetcars got their names and invites riders to submit their ideas for this one.

It was, after all, a TTC rider who chose Toronto Rocket as the name for the new subway cars coming later this year.

Although most of the major design is decided, including the seat layout, "there are some finer details" still to be determined, said the TTC's Kevin Seto. There will be inside bike racks, for instance, but whether vertical or horizontal isn't decided.

"The whole exterior paint scheme is up for grabs," he said.

Submit your idea

- To learn more about the new streetcars, or to submit your design and name ideas, visit the TTC's website at lrv.ttc.ca/default.aspx

Seat fabric suggestions are welcome, as are preferences for the entire interior colour scheme. Five industrial, interior design and transit experts will choose among the suggestions and bring top ideas back to the website for more discussion.

The new cars will carry about 270 riders versus 132 on the existing CRVs. And the old pull-cord stop indicators will be replaced with push-buttons, said Stephen Lam, superintendent of light rail engineering.

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U.S. crosswalks in T.O.?

Trips to visit his fiancée's family in New Jersey led to an urban-improvement discovery for Toronto Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong.

Pedestrian crosswalks there cost one per cent of the ones here — $300 as opposed to $3,000.

After arranging to have one imported, Minnan-Wong carried it into a regular meeting this week of the advisory Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

"This is a way to expand pedestrian safety by allowing for more crosswalks in neighbourhoods all across the city," he said yesterday of the 70-pound fluorescent yellow sign.

Such signs stand more than one metre high in the middle of the road before and after a zebra crosswalk — a far simpler presentation than Toronto's street signage and overhead flashing lights.

Toronto manager of pedestrian projects Fiona Chapman said the suggestion is well-timed for next month's Ontario Traffic Conference.

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Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong displays the pedestrian crosswalk warning sign he brought back from the U.S. The councillor is proposing installing such a device on the streets of Toronto in conjunction with the much more costly existing overhead system.

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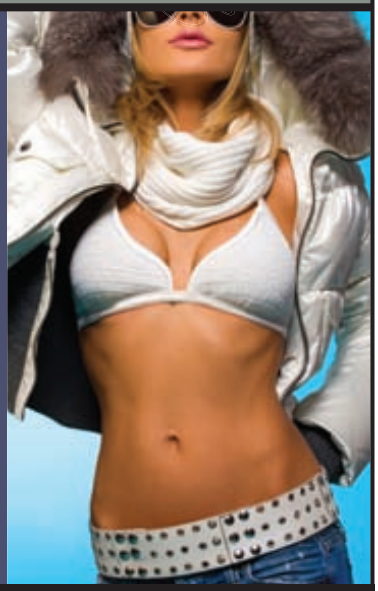

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Hunt still on for suspect in Ajax stabbing

Police are still searching for a suspect after a woman working in an Ajax store was stabbed during an attempted robbery Monday afternoon. The woman, an employee at Liquidation World on Monarch Avenue, is expected to recover. The suspect is described as a black male, five-foot-nine with a stocky build. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police cars getting wired with cameras

Equipment use up to officers' discretion

Toronto police patrol cars will soon be wired for sound and vision — but it will be up to the officer to decide when to turn on the cruiser-mounted camera and microphone.

While the police say the three-year installation project provides more safety and accountability, critics argue police officers should use more public relations and less technology.

Const. Tony Vella, of the Toronto police public information unit, said, "It does enhance officer safety. So if an officer is assaulted, or anything along those lines, it's going to be caught on camera."

He said the devices will "help promote professionalism and unbiased policing" as well as "protecting officers from unwarranted accusations" and preserving "the quality of evidence used in the prosecution of the case."

"If an officer is assaulted, or anything along those lines, it's going to be caught on camera."
Toronto police Const. Tony Vella

When police do record a contact they must advise the person they are being recorded, said Vella.

The in-car camera and wireless microphone clipped to the officer's uniform can be manually activated or it automatically comes on when the cruisers' emergency lights are engaged.

Leaving activation to the officer's discretion poses a problem, says former city mayor John Sewell, who heads up the Toronto Police Accountability Coalition.

"If the officer is going to do something that's questionable — you turn it off," he said. "This is not a useful way of creating accountability. It's just more technology and we should get off the technological fix. Police are going to have to have better relationships with the people they are policing and they don't right now."

Sewell also wonders why in all the time cameras and microphones have been used by patrol officers — initial testing began in 2006 — images and audio have not been released to the public. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man wanted after cancer patient's laptop stolen

CRIME Toronto police are looking for a thief who stole an elderly cancer patient's laptop computer.

Police say the laptop was stolen last Saturday afternoon as the woman was visiting with her daughter in the lobby of the Princess Margaret Hospital Lodge.

The victim's laptop contained a number of sentimental photos of her recently deceased daughter.

Police say the suspect went from floor to floor and eventually entered the vacant room of the elderly patient.

He's described as white, 25 to 30 years old, five-foot-10 with short, dark brown hair. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Screening **Trotsky reborn?**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Jay Baruchel arrives at the Scotiabank Theatre last night for a screening of his new film, The Trotsky. In the film, which opens Friday, the star plays a Montreal teenager who is convinced he is the reincarnation of Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky.

U.S. FDA urged to halt diabetes drug trial

COURT A leading Canadian researcher and the U.S. group Public Citizen are calling on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to pull the plug on a major international drug trial, calling it unethical.

They say the TIDE trial, which is investigating the cardiovascular risks of the diabetes drug Avandia, should be stopped because there's enough evidence to show the drug is more dangerous than a similar drug, Actos, and both drugs are more dangerous than older diabetes drugs.

"It really does not make sense that this trial should continue," said Dr. David Juurlink, a researcher at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, who conducted an earlier study comparing the drugs.

That 2009 study found people taking Actos or pioglitazone for Type 2 diabetes are 23 per cent less likely to be hospitalized for heart failure and 14 per cent less likely to die than people taking Avandia or rosiglitazone.

At the time of its publication, Juurlink said based on the findings he could not think of a reason why a patient would take Avandia or why it would be prescribed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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OPP releases name of shooting victim
The province's Special Investigations Unit has released the name of a man who was killed in a weekend incident involving police in northwestern Ontario. The agency says Brian Gray, 39, was fatally shot Sunday during an "interaction" with provincial police officers in Whitefish Bay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Speaker grants deadline extension

Federal parties have been granted three more days to broker a deal aimed at averting a parliamentary showdown — and possible election — over sensitive Afghan detainee documents. Just hours from yesterday's deadline he had set two weeks ago, Commons Speaker Peter Milliken, left, agreed to an all-party request for an extension until Friday afternoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba says no to 'Fluffy's Law'

PETS An attempt to force Manitoba landlords to accept pets was put out to pasture yesterday when the NDP government rejected a private member's bill called Fluffy's Law.

The bill, put forward by Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard, would have banned no-pet policies in rental buildings.

"Pets are incredibly important to people. They make a huge impact on people's health and well-being," Gerrard told the legislature. "As one (letter-) writer said, a day without animal companions is like a day without sunshine."

The bill had the support of the Winnipeg Humane Society, which has had to deal with hundreds of pets abandoned by owners who were unable to find pet-friendly apartment buildings. More than 60 cats have been turned over to the society in the last three months alone because of no-pet policies, according to executive director Bill McDonald.

But the government said pets can be as hazardous to some tenants as they are helpful to others. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Incentive

- Instead of forcing all rental units to be animal-friendly, as the proposed Fluffy's Law would have done, the government recently introduced an incentive for landlords. Starting next month, they'll be able to charge a special damage deposit for pets worth half a month's rent.

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The bodies of four members of the Prefontaine family were found inside their home yesterday in St-Jude, Que., which was swept away in a landslide Monday night.

Family buried

Four found after sinkhole swallows home

It took only an instant for an idyllic country scene to collapse in an apocalyptic abyss — the earth opened, gobbled up part of a village, and dragged a family of four down to its death in a muddy crater.

Authorities said the hockey-mad Prefontaines were in the basement of their elegant country home cheering on the Montreal Canadiens when the landslide struck Monday night.

"After digging and going through the rubble we found the four victims," Michel Dore, Quebec's emergency management co-ordinator, said last night.

"They were found very close to one another, some of them lying on the couch in the family room in the basement."

"It has hit the community hard. We'll have to see what the future brings."
Yves de Bellefeuille, St-Jude mayor

The first body found belonged to father Richard Prefontaine.

The family's golden retriever had been found earlier, alive, tied to a tree in the mud. The dog, named Foxy, was initially so weak it was believed to be dead, but gained strength and was soon walking gingerly.

The landslide tore a hole more than four times the size of a football field into St-Jude, a verdant village near Montreal.

Residents say they've had nasty incidents before in the farming community about 50 kilometres east of Montreal. The area is laden with clay, and a ground collapse a few years ago wiped out a small bridge.

Rescue workers struggled for almost a full day — at times digging with their hands — to enter a home that was mostly buried in mud with only its green roof left peeking out.

Mayor Yves de Bellefeuille said the incident had the small village in shock.

"It has hit the community hard. We'll have to see what the future brings." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iran using fear to muzzle: Reporter

CRACKDOWN An Iranian-Canadian Newsweek reporter said yesterday the Iranian government is attempting to frighten people from protesting or reporting on the June 12 anniversary of the disputed presidential elections by sentencing him in absentia to 13 years in prison and 74 lashes.

"They want to scare as many people as possible in order to prevent people from coming to the streets," said Maziar Bahari, who is a dual citizen.

Bahari, 43, said a series of judgments against those involved in protests in May was intended to have a chilling affect on possible protests on the anniversary of last year's elections. He also said he had received threatening anonymous telephone calls about a month before the sentencing by the Iranian Revolutionary Court Sunday.

"You have to fear for your safety," he said yesterday, adding he could not stop living a normal life because of the threats.

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Iranian-Canadian reporter Maziar Bahari, after his trial in Iran in August 2009.

He also said he would not appeal the court's decision. "I didn't send my lawyer even to the court's hearing. I don't recognize the court as legal. I don't want to give it any credence," he said.

Bahari was among scores of political activists and other figures detained amid a crackdown following disputed presidential elections last year. He spent nearly four months in jail but was released on $300,000 bail and allowed to leave the country to join his wife in London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

INFORMATION A Conservative staffer who blocked the release of a report to the media is refusing to say how many other times he interfered in the Access to Information system. Sebastien Togneri had previously told a House of Commons committee that he made a "mistake" in ordering that a 137-page document already cleared by non-partisan civil servants be "unreleased" and denied to The Canadian Press. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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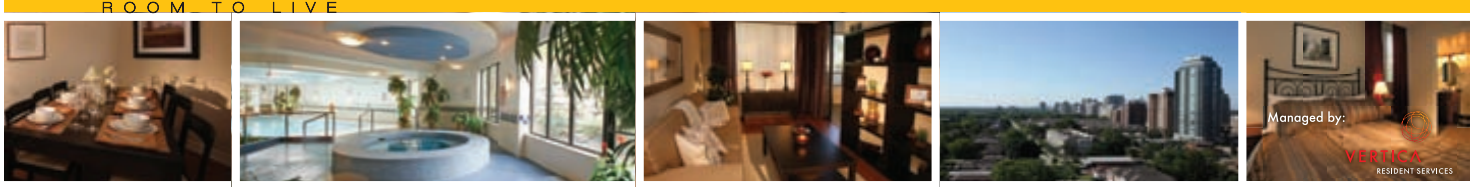

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A Crown witness is serving in Afghanistan, so a trial for Tim Best, husband of London, Ont. mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best, has been put off until Jan. 17 THE CANADIAN PRESS

Criminal pardons targeted

New federal legislation tabled by the government would do away with pardons for criminals and replace them with harder-to-get "record suspensions."

Some criminals, those convicted of sex crimes against children or those with three or more serious convictions, won't even be allowed to apply for such a suspension.

"It's not the state's business to be in the forgiveness business," Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said yesterday as he outlined the proposed legislation.

Under the new legislation, people convicted of minor crimes will have to wait five years before applying for a record suspension and those guilty of more serious offences will have to wait 10 years.

As well, it will be up to the criminal to demonstrate that a record suspension would contribute to their rehabilitation.

The legislation follows a public uproar that began when The Canadian Press revealed hockey coach Graham James had obtained a pardon in 2007 after he was convicted for sexual assaults against two teens, including Sheldon Kennedy, who went on to play in the National Hockey League.

"The pardon of convicted sex offender Graham James was deeply offensive to Canadians, to victims and to our government," Toews said. "It demonstrated the need to take action to prevent such an outrage from happening again."

James pleaded guilty in 1997 to sexually assaulting two of his former teenaged players over a 10-year period and was banned for life from coaching by the Canadian Hockey Association. He was last known to be coaching hockey in Spain in 2001. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Christine Carretta, left, and Sheldon Kennedy listen as Public Safety Minister Vic Toews speaks in Ottawa yesterday about legislation to do away with pardons and replace them with what it calls record suspensions.

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Guergis' TV interview draws fire from former colleagues

SCANDAL Any bridges that were left between Helena Guergis and the Conservatives have been burnt to ashes following her teary interview on national television.

Helena Guergis

Some Tories reacted angrily yesterday to the former junior cabinet minister's first major interview since being booted from the party caucus, suggesting she twisted the truth.

Guergis told the CBC that neither Prime Minister Stephen Harper nor the party have told her exactly what the allegations are against her, besides vague references to "criminal behaviour" and drugs.

"I feel as though I have been charged, I feel as though I've gone through a trial, I have been convicted and now I'm being sentenced," Guergis said. "And I still don't know what it is I'm supposed to have done."

Transport Minister John Baird told the House of Commons that Harper "ensured that the member was made aware" of the "serious allegations."

PMO spokesman Dimitri Soudas went further, insisting that the Conservative party lawyer fully briefed Guergis on the allegations.

The man who brought the whole matter forward, private investigator Derrick Snowdy, is scheduled to appear at a Commons committee today. It was Snowdy's information that prompted Harper to drop Guergis and refer the matter to the RCMP.

Snowdy had been investigating Toronto businessman Nazim Gillani on behalf of an aggrieved investor when, he claims, he came across troubling information about Guergis and her husband, ex-Tory MP Rahim Jaffer. He said Gillani had intimated he had compromising photographs of the couple, and he was holding offshore accounts for them in Belize and Panama. Gillani has denied those allegations, as have Guergis and Jaffer.

Both the Liberals and NDP attacked the Conservatives for their treatment of Guergis, after only six weeks ago calling for her resignation.

"Surely the prime minister had some concrete proof before he crucified his minister for the status of women," said New Democrat MP Pat Martin.

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News in brief

HEALTH CARE An annual report on hospital emergency rooms in Nova Scotia says the departments are closed about 19,000 hours a year, due in most cases to doctor shortages but also to instances of nurses not being available. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Olympic executive plugs B.C. Hydro's top post
The second-in-command of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, Dave Cobb, has landed a job as the head of B.C. Hydro. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Costco's ticket to fly

Disabled man boards plane using store card as ID

When Doug Tiedeman met an Ontario woman on Facebook who shared his rabid interest in Star Trek, the logical next step was to try to meet her in person.

The 21-year-old, who has cerebral palsy and functions at the mental age of a 12-year-old, called a cab and directed the driver 100 kilometres south to the airport in Calgary.

Tiedeman's parents say he managed to buy a seat and then board an Air Canada flight headed east — even though he only had his Costco and Visa cards as identification.

His family and police spent 24 nervous hours trying to track him down before finally finding him at the airport in London, Ont., where he was waiting, alone and scared, thousands of kilometres from home.

Now his family wants answers from Air Canada. How did Tiedeman fly halfway across the country with only a wholesale store membership and his credit card to prove who he was?

"I hope that other families do not have to go through this," Tiedeman's stepmother, Simone, said in an interview from her home in Blackfalds, Alta.

"That would be my main goal."

Transport Canada requires airlines to get some kind of government-issued identification from every passenger boarding a plane.

Either one piece of photo identification or two pieces without a photo are acceptable. Names are cross-referenced with a no-fly list to weed out potential terrorist threats.

Air Canada said it is investigating what happened. The airline noted ID is not required to buy a domestic ticket, just to board. Transport Canada said it will investigate, too.

"Airlines can be fined up to $25,000 per occurrence of non-compliance, and our government will not hesitate to take appropriate actions if necessary," a department spokeswoman wrote in an email.

The Tiedemans' frustration with the airline isn't just about the identification. Simone Tiedeman said the family knew Doug had probably taken an Air Canada flight because they checked the last number he dialled on the phone and got the reservation centre.

But because he is 21, she said, the airline refused to release any information about where he was going. It wasn't until the RCMP got involved that the airline gave the details.

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Going home

- Without proper identification, Doug Tiedeman had trouble flying home.
- His family says they will closely monitor his Internet use and limit his access to his credit card.

Afghan jail checkups too few, inquiry told

MILITARY The former commander of Canadian troops in Kandahar province says not enough checkups were done on prisoners in Afghan jails.

Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, whose stint in Afghanistan began in the summer of 2007, told a military police inquiry yesterday he couldn't remember how many times Canadian officials visited local jails.

"One thing is for sure, is that there were not enough visits," he said.

Laroche told the Military Police Complaints Commission there were about five allegations of abuse or torture at the time. But he said none were substantiated until a Foreign Affairs official found implements of torture during a November 2007 prison visit. Transfers were temporarily stopped after that visit. "Every allegation should be investigated," he said. He also disputed an allegation troops used Afghanistan's secret police "as subcontractors for abuse and torture."

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Canadian Forces Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche.

Licks all around after return of stolen puppy

RESCUE A four-month-old puppy is licking the faces of its owners again after being stolen from a yard in southwestern Ontario.

Provincial police say they received a tip that a puppy stolen Friday in Kingsville, Ont., was in nearby McGregor.

The word came from people who had heard or read about the theft.

It turned out the chocolate lab puppy named Mocha had been passed on to another person, who didn't know it was stolen.

The puppy was loose in a front yard, not wearing a leash or collar, when a vehicle stopped in the driveway, took the puppy and then left.

Police say no charges are being laid at this time.

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An idea that might take flight

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It's hard to believe, but Canada does not have a national bird. It's even harder to believe, but there's actually someone out there who cares.

The Canadian Raptor Conservancy (CRC), from somewhere in Ontario, has captured the imagination of a nation fed up with the usual bird brains by sponsoring a write-in contest to determine a bird of a different feather, a national bird, and then taking the results to Ottawa. Where, presumably, they will be interred in the National Petition Graveyard along with all the others.

So score one for the CRC. But, as you might expect from an organization dedicated to conserving raptors, the results to date are skewed. The red-tailed hawk is in the lead, with the Canada goose second and the loon third.

I'm sure the red-tailed hawk is a swell bird, but it's hardly a national icon. Not only that, its nickname is the chicken hawk. If you ask me, we don't even want to go there.

The Canada goose already says Canada — literally — but as it has moved in and pooped all over city parks from Citadel Hill to Stanley Park, it hardly needs to be encouraged.

Who can resist the call of the loon? Certainly not Ontario, which has already adopted the loon as its provincial bird. We don't want to launch a constitutional crisis by stealing its bird. Ontario is feeling fragile as it is.

The gull? Rats with wings. Ditto pigeons.

We could ruffle the feathers of our American cousins and adopt the bald eagle as our national bird, as there are more bald eagles in B.C. than the entire United States, but as various countries around the world have learned, it's not wise to mess with the U.S.

Instead, why not adopt a bird that has a real Canadian personality? I nominate *passer domesticus*, also known as the common house sparrow.

She's a hardy little critter who toughs out the Canadian winter and survives everything we throw at her: Cats, pesticides, concrete, nasty little boys with BB guns, etc. She's so hardy she's on the Least Concern list of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, which keeps track of species around the globe. She's a survivor.

And she couldn't be less like the bald eagle, which is the epitome of imperialism: Proud, majestic, cruel. The house sparrow turns up every day, dependable and humble, just like us. Considering how things are going for the eagle these days, that's not such a bad thing.

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Word on the street: Do you think the catastrophic worldwide weather patterns are a sign the apocalypse is nigh?

Ann Nadeau
Toronto

A: No, I do not. People have been talking about that forever. In every era, people think theirs is different ... There were special things in all eras.

Zack Fraser
Toronto

A: I don't think it's the apocalypse, but there's something going on because one day it's five degrees and then the next day it's 30 degrees. Today, people are wearing scarves and it's the middle of May.

Tyson Li
Toronto

A: I hope not, but I tend to wonder because how else could you explain it? I've lived here (Toronto) five years now and I've watched it change since I've been here.

Leo Neitzel
Ottawa

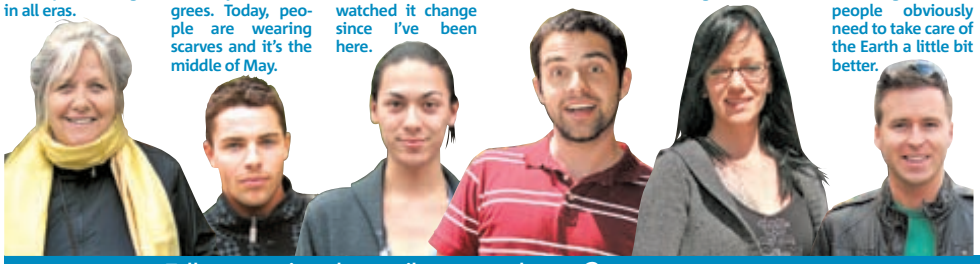
A: I think so. The extremes are getting more extreme. Huge things happen in such little amounts of time.

Laura Steffen
Vancouver

A: This is climate change. Global warming does exist. I've seen in my life how much the weather has changed.

Patrick Davidson
Edmonton

A: No, not at all. I think there are highs and lows with our weather, and I think, with global warming and things like that, people obviously need to take care of the Earth a little bit better.



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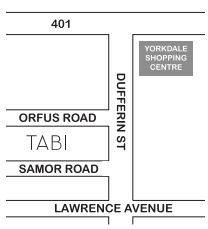

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World

‘The sins within’

Pope makes most pointed admission yet of church’s guilt

Pope Benedict XVI yesterday blamed the church’s own sins for the clerical abuse scandal — not a campaign mounted by outsiders — and called for profound purification to end what he called the “greatest persecution” the church has endured.

His strong comments placed responsibility for the crisis squarely on the sins of pedophile priests, repudiating the Vatican’s initial response to the scandal in which it blamed the media as well as pro-choice and pro-gay marriage advocates for mounting what it called a campaign against the church and the pope.

Speaking en route to Portugal, Benedict said the Catholic Church had always suffered from problems of its own making but that “today we see it in a truly terrifying way.”

Benedict XVI

“The greatest persecution of the church doesn’t come from enemies on the outside but is born from the sins within the church,” the pontiff said. “The church needs to profoundly relearn penitence, accept purification, learn forgiveness but also justice.”

The comments marked Benedict’s most thorough admission of the church’s own guilt in creating the scandal. Previously he has blamed abusers themselves and, in the case of Ireland, the bishops who failed to stop them.

He was responding to journalists’ questions, submitted in advance.

Despite the Vatican’s initial, defensive response to hundreds of clerical abuse reports in Europe, Benedict has promised the church would take action to protect children and make abusive priests face justice.

He has already started cleaning house, accepting the resignations of a few bishops who either admitted they molested youngsters or covered up for priests who did.

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Young people sit on the grass yesterday in Kolomenskoe Park in Moscow. Warm weather, unusual for May, saw the temperature rise to 25 C.

Dramatic video emerges two years after near-tragedy

AUSTRALIA Dramatic footage has emerged of a father saving his infant son by clutching him as a car strikes the man.

The traffic accident happened in the Sydney suburb of Penrith in 2008 and was broadcast for the first time Monday on Australia’s Nine Network. The security camera footage shows a car plowing into Andrew Leitch as he held his son, Hayden, on a sidewalk near a shop front. Leitch’s parents, standing nearby, were hit, and the baby’s empty stroller was knocked flying.

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Leitch held the baby to his chest as he was pushed into the shop window and had his legs pinned by the car. As the car bore down, Leitch said he thought, “If they hit the back of me, break a leg or whatever, that’s fixable. But if they hit my son, he’s not fixable.”

Leitch said his son was unhurt. Both his parents were hospitalized with injuries, but survived.

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Violent storms leave trail of death in central U.S.
Violent storms that tore through Oklahoma killed five people and injured dozens more, leaving behind flattened homes, toppled semitrailers and downed power lines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cameron takes power in U.K.

Tories working on deal with Liberal Democrats, first coalition since Second World War

Conservative leader David Cameron became Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years yesterday after Gordon Brown stepped down and ended 13 years of Labour government.

Cameron said he aims to form a full coalition government with the third-place Liberal Democrats after his Conservative Party won the most seats but did not get a majority in Britain national election last week.

The 43-year-old leader said it would be "hard and difficult work" to govern as a coalition but added Britain had serious economic issues to tackle.

Cameron visited Buckingham Palace and was asked to form a government by Queen Elizabeth II less than an hour after Brown tendered his resignation.

David Cameron

Cameron and Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg's pact would be the first coalition government since the Second World War.

Arriving at London's 10 Downing Street hand in hand with his wife Samantha, Cameron said he believed Britain's "best days lie ahead."

Hundreds of onlookers, many of them booing, crowded the gates of Downing Street to watch as Cameron swept into his new home less than 90 minutes after an emotional Brown had made a farewell address.

"We have some deep and pressing problems — a huge deficit, deep social problems, a political system in need of reform," Cameron said.

"For those reasons, I aim to form a proper and full coalition between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats."

Negotiators from both parties were finalizing the agreement as Brown and Cameron met with the queen, and holding meetings with their lawmakers to ratify the highly unusual deal.

Conservative Party officials told The Associated Press that Clegg will serve as Britain's deputy prime minister.

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July visit to U.S.?

- U.S. President Barack Obama called David Cameron, inviting him to the United States in July.

Oil spill blame game begins before U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON Oil giant BP told U.S. Congress yesterday its massive Gulf of Mexico spill was caused by the failure of a key safety device made by another company.

In turn, that company says BP was in charge, and that a third company that poured concrete to plug the exploratory well didn't do it right. The third company, which was plugging the well in anticipation of future production, says it was only following BP's plan.

The blame game shot into the open yesterday as the U.S. Senate began a hearing into the oil spill that has been contaminating water in the Gulf for three weeks and threatens sensitive marshes and marine life from Louisiana to Texas.

Executives of the three companies, all scheduled to testify before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, are trying to shift responsibility for the environmental crisis to each other, according to prepared testimony.

The industry testimony planned for the hearing demonstrated the fissures among companies caught up in the accident and its legal and economic fallout.

"I hear one message — don't blame me," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo. "Shifting the blame game doesn't get us very far."

A top executive of BP PLC, which leased the rig for exploratory drilling, focused on a critical safety device that was supposed to shut off oil flow on the ocean floor in the event of a well blowout but "failed to operate."

"That was to be the fail-safe in case of an accident," Lamar McKay, chairman of BP America, said, pointedly noting that the blowout protector — as well as the rig itself — was owned by Transocean Ltd.

Of the 126 people on the rig when it was engulfed in flames, only seven were BP employees, said McKay.

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Demonstrators unfurl a sign yesterday in front of the White House in Washington. The banner was signed by Gulf-area residents.

"I hear one message — don't blame me. Shifting the blame game doesn't get us very far."
Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyoming

News in brief

SWEDEN An artist who angered Muslims by depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a dog said yesterday he was assaulted while giving a lecture. Lars Vilks said a man ran up to him and head-butted him during the lecture at Uppsala University. Vilks said his glasses were broken but he was not hurt.

RUSSIA Thirty-eight coal miners are buried so deep in Russia's largest underground mine that rescuers use up most of their oxygen tanks trying to reach them and can't spend much time searching for the missing men, the regional governor said yesterday.

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Philippine presidential front-runner sets sights on corruption
Philippine Sen. Benigno Aquino III promised yesterday to fight corruption as he headed for victory in the presidential election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Transit security tops NYC mayor's agenda

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg visited Britain's capital in a fact-finding mission yesterday in the wake of the thwarted Times Square bombing, visiting centres where experts monitor a vast network of security cameras — one of the largest in the world.

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London Mayor Boris Johnson, centre, shows off the capital's CCTV network to his New York counterpart Michael Bloomberg, left, with chief operating officer Howard Collins yesterday at Westminster underground station in London.

Bloomberg wants to ramp up the security-camera network in New York City's subways to mimic that in London's underground train system.

London authorities say the city's train stations are watched by more than 12,000 cameras, and in a few years they aim to install a few thousand more.

Officials say the additions would mean every person's face would be recorded when they enter the subway system.

New York City has far fewer such cameras — about 4,000 along its subways — and Bloomberg has complained that half of them don't work.

Police, instead, have had to rely on regular patrols and random bag searches.

"Crime rates in both the subway systems in London and New York City are as low as you can get, but there's always the threat of terrorism ... Wouldn't you want to be safe?" Bloomberg told reporters.

"I am here to learn from others, see what works best, and try to fix things before they become a problem."

Bloomberg said it wasn't clear whether more cameras would have thwarted Faisal Shahzad's alleged effort to set off a car bomb in Times Square earlier this month, but said the presence of additional CCTVs might have discouraged Shahzad from trying.

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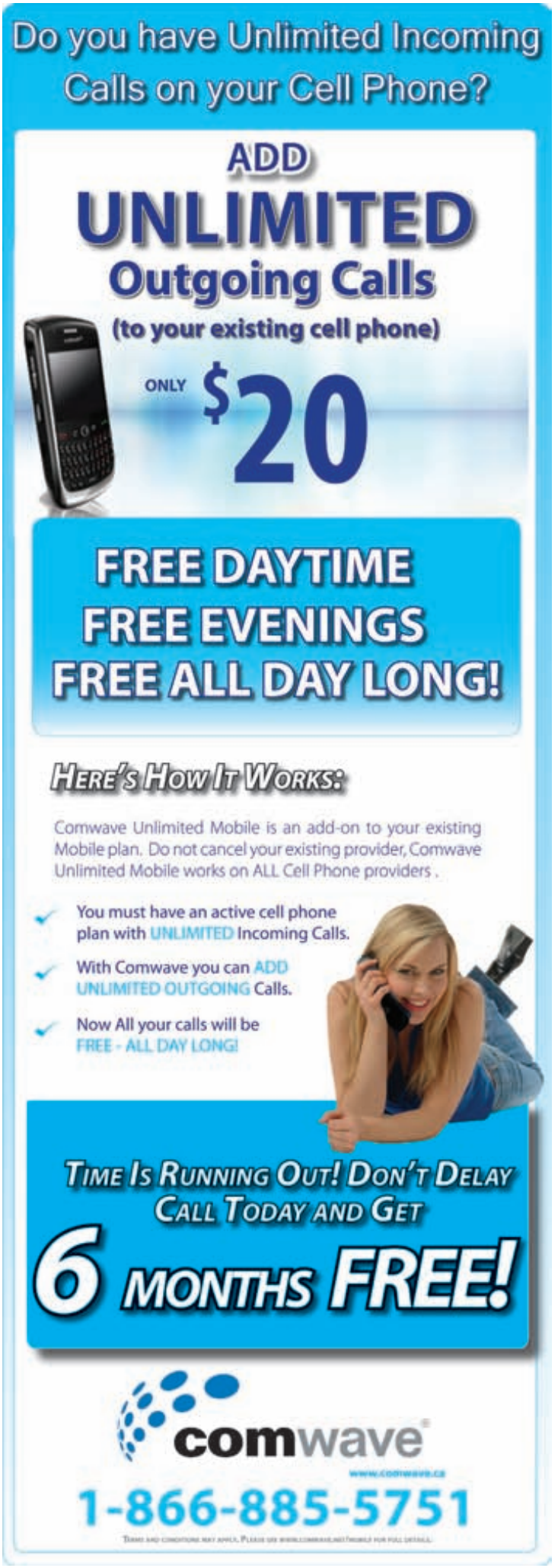
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Business in brief

AUTO Toyota cruised back to profit in the latest quarter. Toyota Motor Corp. said yesterday that January-March profit totalled 112 billion yen ($1.2 billion US) compared with a 766-billion yen loss the year before. But the automaker's top executive and analysts alike said Toyota is still far from a full recovery as it fights to salvage its reputation for quality. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canadians too far in debt: Report

Neither recession, global uncertainty nor growing joblessness appears to have stayed Canadians' appetite for spending money they don't have.

$41,740
Canadians' average debt.

A new report by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada shows household debt in the country kept rising through the recession and peaked in December at $1.41 trillion.

That's $41,740 on average per Canadian, or debt to income ratio of 144 per cent, which is the worst among 20 advanced countries in the OECD.

"This report is another indication of Canadians' readiness to consume today and pay later," said association president Anthony Ariganello. "The concern is, do they understand the full cost of paying later?"

Most Canadians don't yet share that concern. The accountants' survey found that almost 60 per cent of Canadians whose debt had increased still felt they could manage it or take on more obligations.

But the accountants say many households could find themselves in difficulty when interest rates, as expected, begin to rise.

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Japan High-speed train demo

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, right, talks to reporters yesterday as Central Japan Railway Company chairman Yoshiyuki Kasai listens after a test ride on Japan's magnetic-levitation train in Tsuru, Japan. LaHood was treated to a ride on the world's fastest passenger train as part of Tokyo's bid for billions of dollars in U.S. high-speed train contracts.

SunOpta to sell distribution arm

FOODS Natural health products company SunOpta Inc. says it will sell its Canadian food distribution assets to a U.S.-based natural food chain for $68 million.

The Brampton-based food manufacturer said yesterday it has entered a definitive agreement with United Natural Foods Inc. to sell part of the SunOpta Distribution Group.

Steve Bromley, president and chief executive of SunOpta, said the asset sale is part of the company's strategy to focus on its core food manufacturing platform and strengthen its balance sheet.

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Coffee fund issues warning

MARKETS Swiss Water Decaffeinated Coffee Income Fund warned yesterday of shortages of high-quality Arabica coffee after posting improved first-quarter results.

The Vancouver-based fund said yesterday it booked net income of $665,000 or 10 cents per unit in the three months ended March 31. That reversed a loss of $69,000 or a penny per unit in the corresponding 2009 period. Revenue grew to $7.8 million from $7.3 million as volumes increased.

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Stars lock up Lehtonen for three years
The Dallas Stars and goaltender Kari Lehtonen agreed yesterday to a three-year, $10.65 million US contract extension that locks up Marty Turco's replacement through the 2012-13 season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Dead golfer had bags packed

LPGA golfer Erica Blasberg, left, had her bags packed for a tournament in Alabama when she died suddenly at her home in suburban Henderson, Nev., her agent said yesterday. Police aren't saying how she died. Blasberg was scheduled to leave last Sunday to play a qualification round Monday for the Bell Micro LPGA Classic in Mobile, said the agent, Chase Callahan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Coyotes talks 'taking a nap,' source says

NHL Talks between Ice Edge Holdings and the city of Glendale on a new lease agreement for the Phoenix Coyotes are not dead but "probably more like taking a nap," a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press yesterday.

The person, who asked for anonymity because of the private nature of the situation, told the AP the city was focusing on talks with the NHL over the league's request for cash, probably $20 million to $25 million US, to cover next season's operating losses while the sale of the team is completed.

The matter was on the agenda for the Glendale city council meeting late last night.

Ice Edge, a group of Canadian and U.S. investors, apparently is the last hope for finding a buyer for the Coyotes that would keep the team in Arizona. A group headed by Chicago sports mogul Jerry Reinsdorf reportedly is no longer in the picture.

Talks between Ice Edge and the city on a memorandum of understanding broke down Monday, leading to widespread speculation the franchise was headed out of town, with Winnipeg the most likely destination.

The Coyotes were the Winnipeg Jets before they moved to Arizona in 1996.

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Dice-K rolls Jays

Matsuzaka strikes out nine in Boston win

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Daisuke (Dice-K) Matsuzaka allowed three hits in seven innings and the Boston Red Sox capitalized on more wildness by Toronto Blue Jays pitchers for a 6-1 win last night.

Matsuzaka struck out nine and allowed just three runners on a single and double by John Buck and a double by Fred Lewis. He walked none, while four Toronto pitchers issued eight bases on balls one night after the Red Sox drew seven walks in a 7-6 win.

The Red Sox won their third straight as Matsuzaka (2-1) had the best outing of his three games since coming off the disabled list after recovering from a neck strain. In each of his other two starts, he had one terrible inning but was otherwise solid.

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Boston Red Sox starter Daisuke Matsuzaka throws a pitch against the Toronto Blue Jays last night in Boston.

Dana Eveland (3-2) gave up all of Boston's runs in four-plus innings, when he allowed five hits and four walks and hit a batter.

Boston took a 2-0 lead in the first when Marco Scutaro led off with a walk, and took third on Dustin Pedroia's ground-rule double. Scutaro scored on J.D. Drew's groundout to first and Pedroia came in on Kevin Youkilis' sacrifice fly. Jason Varitek's sixth homer made it 3-0 in the second.

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Can Habs pull off another upset?

NHL Heading into Game 7 of the NHL playoff series between Montreal and Pittsburgh, a reporter asked Maxim Lapierre "What's the key?"

"It's a little metal thing you use to open the door," the Montreal forward said, and after a pause for comic effect added: "Really, it's passion, heart. It's the team that wants it most that's going to win."

The pesky Lapierre is one of several Canadiens who is bringing a lot of both as the eighth-seeded team in the NHL Eastern Conference plays the role of giant killer in the playoffs.

The Canadiens upset first-place overall Washington in seven games in the first round, coming back from a 3-1 series deficit, and now have forced a deciding seventh game in Pittsburgh tonight with a 4-3 victory on home ice in Game 6 Monday.

The story of the Cinderella Canadiens has been their red-hot goaltender, Jaroslav Halak, and the 11 goals scored in 13 post-season games by left-winger Michael Cammalleri. He has had six in as many games against Pittsburgh.

But success has also come from a long list of others, including the defence, veterans Brian Gionta and Scott Gomez, and checking forwards like Dominic Moore, Travis Moen and Lapierre.

Together, they have limited the impact of Penguins stars Sidney Crosby, who has one goal and four assists in the series, and Evgeni Malkin, who despite some impressive rushes with the puck has only one goal and two assists.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Seattle Mariners designated hitter Ken Griffey Jr. insists he was available to pinch-hit during a recent game despite reports he was taking a nap. Quoting two Mariners who spoke anonymously, The (Tacoma) News Tribune wrote that Griffey was asleep in the clubhouse Saturday and unavailable to bat. Griffey was asked about the matter yesterday and said he's "available all the time."

HOCKEY Olympic jerseys from some of the NHL's biggest stars were on the eBay auction block last night to raise money for humanitarian relief in Haiti. Jerseys from players including Sidney Crosby, Roberto Luongo and Alexander Ovechkin are on the virtual block for the NHL Players' Association's "Hockey for Haiti" project raising money for World Vision.

FOOTBALL Cornerback Adam (Pacman) Jones worked out with the Cincinnati Bengals for the first time since they gave him another chance to revive his troubled career. Jones participated in a voluntary off-season workout at Paul Brown Stadium yesterday. Afterward, he thanked the city and the team for the opportunity to get back into football. He didn't take questions.

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Pro-life group at uCal warned

The University of Calgary has issued a formal warning to eight members of a campus pro-life group promising tougher sanctions if they continue setting up displays on campus. The warning is the result of uCalgary finding members of the student group guilty of non-academic misconduct. The non-academic charges stem from an incident last month in which group members refused campus security's request to turn their posters inward. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Rural or urban, a vet's question

Paws, Claws **and Jobs**

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Graduates from veterinary school have a wide career path opening before them, but for many, the decision comes down to rural verses urban. A rural career will likely be a mix of large-animal care like cows and small-animal care for the area pets, while urban will mean working in a pet hospital.

Dr Lisa Miller, associate dean of academic and student affairs at the Atlantic Veterinary College in P.E.I., says it's usually about lifestyle, not salary. Those who are drawn to rural work often grew up in that environment or are attracted to the deeper community and greater independence. The downside is long hours and a lot of traveling. While a pet hospital just opens its doors and lets the animals come to it, rural practitioners must travel to the animals.

"A lot of people can't physically do the work," Miller says.

Elizabeth Lowenger, diversity and career coordinator at the Ontario Veterinary College, at the University of Guelph, says the shortage of rural workers stems from the fact that women have come to dominant the profession in the past decade.

"It's a little more difficult to do large animal if you're pregnant or if you have children," she says. Women vets may start in rural, large-animal care, but are less likely to stay.

"It's not quite as hygienic and it's long hours. If a cow is calving in the middle of the night, you've got to go," she says. "But some people like the variety."

Those factors were on Tasha Kean-Clark's mind when she graduated from the Atlantic Veterinary School in 2008 and moved to Calgary to start work in a small-animal clinic. She loves the challenges and regular life.

"Living in a large city with many 24-hour clinics means I never work overnight shifts, as I can transfer my patients out for the night if needed," she says. "The desire to work Monday to Friday … and have a healthy work-life balance is the primary reason I am in small-animal medicine. The only downside is my love of emergency medicine, which I only get to do a smidge of."

A third way is to follow Miller's path — she's a pathologist. It allows her to work regular hours and on all species, but with one niggling drawback: They're all dead by the time she gets to them.

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This is less simplistic or heartless than it sounds. The problem with "stress leave" is that we don't check stress at the door. As we'll see, the real cause of our stress goes with us.

Much of the stress we see is in individuals simply trying to get things done. Goals are important, but reality is what it is, and there is no point worrying about things outside our control.

Let's digress a bit and see this issue from a different perspective. Let's say a man decides to send flowers to his girlfriend just to indicate he loves her, cares about her, and wants to brighten her day. Let's say he has absolutely no ulterior motive whatsoever for doing this [Hard to believe, I know, but stay with us.] She receives the flowers at her office and says … [Fill in the blanks].

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The same goes for stress. Workload does not cause stress. The cause of our stress is our interpretation of how outside events impact us. This is good news, since we can challenge our assumptions and change our thinking but we cannot change others or things beyond our control.

Believe it or not, challenging our assumptions dramatically reduces our stress level in spite of an increasing workload. So, the next time someone tells you that work is stressing them out, hand them this article.

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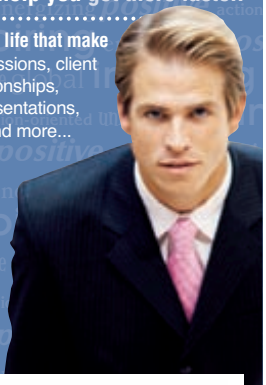

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Don't go too far when criticizing your boss

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"Courts accept that employees are generally 'entitled to criticize superiors without fear of immediate dismissal.' However ... when such criticism goes over the edge, an employer is not required to tolerate it."

This is the tale of two cases that together reveal the fate of employees who are too quick to criticize their bosses.

Following a number of poor performance reviews, Yingyi Chen had finally had enough of management's disdain. Chen, a production manager at a B.C. commercial fish farm, decided he would fire back. Returning from a month-long vacation, Chen learned that his company needed to raise funds through a share offering to existing shareholders. Knowing that the company was in a precarious financial position, Chen penned a letter to the shareholders widely expressing his dissatisfaction with management and how he felt the company was being run. Chen claimed that management was "disastrous." According to him, it had been "wasting" shareholders money and the company was being managed "on the road towards failure."

Chen was immediately fired. Believing that his conduct was not grounds for his dismissal with cause, Chen sued. Recently, he lost his case. In siding with the employer, the court found that Chen had attempted to embarrass both his managers and the board of directors in the eyes of the company's shareholders, and that by doing so without a good reason, his termination was upheld. Although Chen was entitled to criticize his bosses, it was the manner in which he did so that cost him the case.

Similarly, still upset following an angry confrontation with her boss, Maria Van Der Meij wasn't about to go quietly. A supervisor at a busy immigration centre in Victoria, B.C., Van Der Meij was burdened with a heavy caseload and funding shortfalls. The job was stressful and tensions often ran high.

When the errors of one of her staff mounted, Van Der Meij clashed with the centre's director about the appropriate discipline. Thinking that the director had acted improperly during the meeting, Van Der Meij left the office and later wrote to the board of directors, angrily criticizing her boss by accusing him of being a coward and lacking ethical standards.

Ultimately, Van Der Meij's letter cost her both her job and her case, as the court found that because she had spitefully criticized her boss, her dismissal was justified.

In both cases the courts accepted that employees are generally "entitled to criticize superiors without fear of immediate dismissal." However, sometimes silence can be golden. While employees will often have complaints that are reasonable or justified, the manner and tone in which they express them must always remain professional. When such criticism goes over the edge, an employer is not required to tolerate it.

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Program offers many Opportunities

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A new work program in Ontario is hoping to match underemployed francophone immigrants to a labour shortage in bilingual positions.

Called Opportunities for All, it's run by Réseau de développement économique et d'employabilité de l'Ontario (RDEE) and will also help newcomers to set up their own businesses.

RDEE project manager Karine Morin says Ontario has a wealth of immigrants fluent in French and English, coming from 40 French-speaking countries such as Cameron, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Haiti and France, and the province is recruiting more francophone newcomers.

Meanwhile Ontario has a shortage of French-fluent workers, especially in education, finances and customer service. "It's a win-win-win opportunity," Morin says.

The newcomers have been underemployed in part because of cultural differences. Many immigrants are likely to craft a resumé focusing on marital status, degrees and a chronological list of positions, whereas Canadian employers expect practical experience to be front and centre.

Opportunities for All will work with newcomers to tailor resumés to the Ontario market. It will also work with employers so they realize, for example, that what may seem an impenetrably thick accent at the job interview will fade as the newcomer emerges herself in the local take on the language.

"Our customers are as varied as our candidates. It's part of being a multi-cultural society." TD Canada Trust's Jennifer Trimmer on Opportunities for All

"It's trying to make the right match," Morin says. "It's also to train the small business to have a better understanding of their recruitment needs in order to be able to tap into that pool of talent."

RDEE will also help immigrants start up a new business with market research, business plans and connecting them to start-up cash.

The first-year target is to train 275 new immigrants and help start 150 businesses. It has one year of funding and hopes that will be renewed.

Jennifer Trimmer, recruitment and diversity officer for TD Canada Trust, says the bank is keen to tap into the program's talent pool. Recruiting bilingual staff for the Toronto call centre and other positions can be difficult.

In the past, francophone newcomers may not have applied to TD positions because they thought all posts would require a financial background, which is not the case for many customer-service jobs, she says.

"A great thing about the program is it's recognizing the diversity and international experience that our candidates come with," Trimmer says. "Our customers are as varied as our candidates. It's part of being a multi-cultural society."

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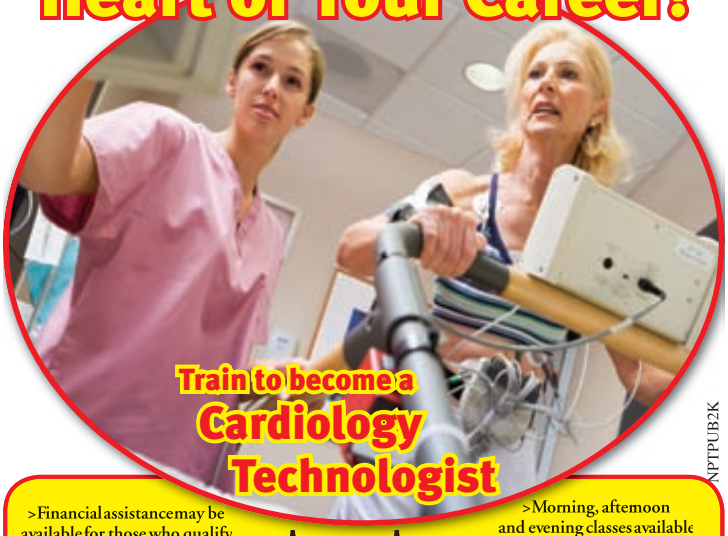

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Quads under consideration
The government of Canada may consider allowing the sale of motor quadricycles, essentially motorized four-wheeled bicycles, for on-road use. A new public consultation paper will be published to consider the importation and distribution of motor quadricycles for on-road use in Canada. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Metro Drive

Used and confused

Canadian drivers are making uninformed decisions when they're buying used cars, and more than half who have purchased a pre-owned car admitted they didn't get all the facts, according to a survey commissioned by Kijiji Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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New Galant rock solid

Can Mitsu take on rivals?

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

2010 Mitsubishi Galant

Type: Mid-sized sedan
Price: from $23,998
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder
HP: 160

Highlights

- Refined handling
- Roomy interior

Lets have a show of hands. How many of you have seen a Mitsubishi Galant on the road recently? Um ... okay. Anyone even know what a Galant looks like?

Cue the crickets.

This, the ninth-generation of Mitsubishi's four-door mid-sized sedan, has been around since 2003, and flies so far under shopper's radar it's almost subterranean. Last year Mitsu moved 463 Galants in Canada (total Mitsubishi sales were 19,786). Compare that to 15,524 Toyota Camrys and 16,526 Ford Fusions.

For 2010, Mitsubishi has streamlined the Galant line to one model — the 160 hp 2.4L four-cylinder ES with four-speed manumatic, unheated fabric seats and nary an available option. Asking price is $23.998, which puts it right in the thick of this fiercely competitive segment. Exhibit A: the all-new and very stylish 2011 Hyundai Sonata that packs a 198 hp direct-injection 2.4L four with six-speed auto for $24,249.

The Galant is not a bad car. It's just not a great car, and in this company you may as well just stay home.

For 2010 the Galant gets side skirts, black headlight surrounds (from last year's 3.8L V6 GT model) a new grill and 16-inch alloys that look somewhat lost in the wheel wells.

In the plus ledger, the Galant feels structurally rock solid and exhibits a matured and refined ride/handling balance. While the steering isn't particularly communicative, it is quick and accurate. All in all, this Mitsu is quite comfortable, with good seats, plenty of headroom and capacious rear quarters.

While the four-speed auto is down one or two cogs from the competition, it's a smooth and quick shifting unit. In day-to-day operation it works just fine, and I didn't really miss the extra gears.

Mitsubishi has added standard stability control to the 2010 Galant ES.

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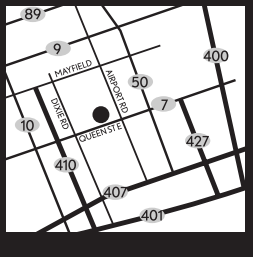

V12 Vantage headed to North America

Aston Martin has confirmed that its V12 Vantage, the most potent production sports car in the company's history, will go on sale in North America later this year, due to unprecedented customer demand. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Canadian electric car charges ahead

Steve Dallas, I would hazard to guess, is the only person in Canada to have this particular two-car punch: 1917 Raush Electric; Toronto Electric A2B (prototype).

You don't see many 90-year-plus electric vehicles of any stripe on the road these days, and the A2B is even rarer — there is only one.

Steve had the inside track on the A2B prototype, because he just happens to be the president of Toronto Electric and the person who willed the little car into existence.

Toronto Electric specializes in material handling and electric motors. But back in 1885 it was engaged in another activity.

"We had the first contract to change the gas (powered) street lights in the City of York to electric … Now we're trying to change gas cars to electric."

Steve decided to branch Toronto Electric off in the electric car direction, because it seemed a natural fit for the company, which operates in a hub of firms with electrical power expertise, and because, well frankly, he is crazy-like-a-fox about these zero-emission cars.

"I'm the only person in Canada at the moment, that has completed a ground-up design of an electric car," says Steve.

Pure electric cars have all their weight in the middle of the vehicle. Steve notes that when mass is centralized like that in a unibody platform commonly used on gas-powered vehicles, that platform becomes "a stick of licorice." In other words, not rigid enough.

"I realized we had to get back to a full frame."

Lowdown Hot Rods of Cambridge, Ont., which specializes in building frames for hot rods and race cars, created the super-strong chromolly frame.

The Toronto Electric A2B prototype is currently being tested.

The dense lithium battery pack is located as low as possible, and dead centre in the vehicle, on a belly pan made of carbon fibre. The three-phase 43 kW motor and single-speed gearbox is nestled under the tiny front hood. Under the hood you'll also see the diesel-powered heater (for both passengers and the battery pack). A full charge nets a range of about 210 kilometres. The one-piece fibreglass body was designed by Dutchman Design, of Montreal. The whole things weighs about 1,600 lbs.

Virtually everything can be monitored and adjusted via a console mounted touch screen. The car is basically a programmable computer on wheels. Because technology moves so fast, Steve feels electric cars will need to be so "updateable" on both the powertrain and software sides — otherwise they will become as disposable as cellphones.

Time for a ride. I call shotgun, which is fortuitous, because there are only two seats.

We strap in, Steve logs in, and then demonstrates some of the information that can be monitored. Eventually this information will be available to everyone, on the car's Facebook page.

The car is beautifully made, but on the road it is loud and rough. This is a prototype — made for testing. Also, with its super-rigid frame and lack of any sound insulation, it's more racecar than family car, right now anyway. But it is easily the most thought-provoking vehicle I've been in for some time.

Before any production models get made, Steve says there will lots to discuss and hammer out with possible partners and Transport Canada. A story for another day.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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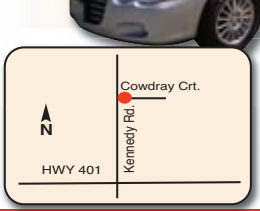

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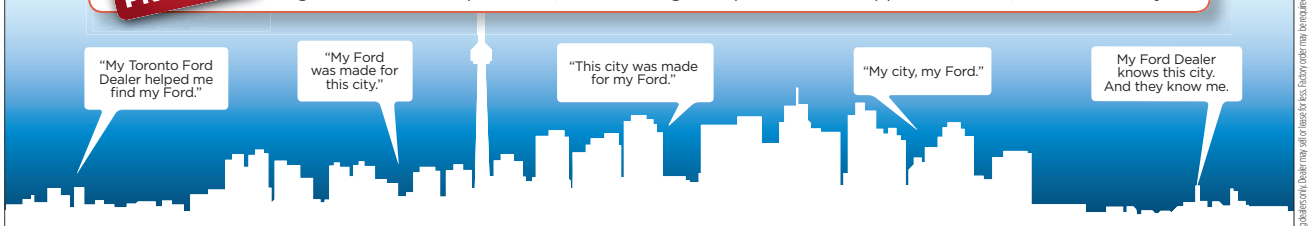

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Petroleum (sort of) in the lab

Petroleum was formed by the compression and heating of biomass over millennia. Chemical engineers at the University of Michigan hope to do it in minutes. They are applying heat and pressure on microalgae, exploring a method to create affordable biofuel that could replace fossil fuels. **WIRED.COM**

Tundra gets work done

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

MODEL: 2000 to 2006 Toyota Tundra
VEHICLE TYPE: Pickup truck
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $9,000 to $22,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: When the last-generation Toyota Tundra was launched in 1999, it was anyone's guess how a full-sized Japanese pickup would compete with the likes of established models from Dodge, GM and Ford. Despite its relatively small sales volumes, the Tundra impressed owners and media alike, and quickly went on to receive numerous awards from industry authorities.

Tundra came initially with a 3.4 litre V6 engine with 190 horsepower, or a 4.7 litre dual-cam V8 that cranked out 245. The V6 was eventually enlarged to a four-litre, 245 horsepower unit, while the V8 was re-tuned to generate 282 ponies — depending on the year in question.

Look for a five or six-speed manual gearbox, or a four or five-speed automatic transmission, depending on the model and year. Regular cab, access cab or double cab bodies were available, and all models shared the same wheelbase and frame.

Tundra's features list included items like antilock brakes, an off-road package, fog-lamps, power accessories, leather seats and front captain's chairs. Note that dealers offered a comprehensive selection of add-on parts, organizers and audio system upgrades, too.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Of course, capability, power, all-terrain traction and cargo-hauling abilities are all praised by Tundra owners. Most also enjoy a well sorted out ride, and say the looks and performance helped seal the deal.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints include a large turning circle and low seats which create a potentially-awkward seating position. Some owners wish for a redesigned centre console, and others complain of a harsh ride in the TRD Off-Road version.

COMMON ISSUES: On a test-drive, be sure to check the Tundra's brakes and tires, ensuring that neither is in need of replacement. Many owners reported premature wear of both. Any shuddering, grinding or vibration during stopping likely means a brake-job is needed.

A check-engine light could indicate a bad oxygen sensor, which may adversely affect mileage and performance if not replaced.

As with any pickup truck, a thorough inspection of the underside for excessive rust, gouges, dents or other signs of trouble is highly advised. If you're not mechanically inclined, a visit to your Toyota dealer for a pre-purchase inspection may reveal any potential troubles. While beneath the vehicle, ask the inspecting mechanic to look for fluid leaks, and inspect the suspension for signs of excessive wear.

There's a lot of potentially-expensive hardware beneath a pickup truck, and shoppers shouldn't necessarily trust that the former owner isn't trying to pass the bill on. Additionally, those unsure of the service history of the machine in question should budget for a tune-up and full fluid change.

Finally, ask your dealership to see if the Tundra you're considering has any outstanding recall work.

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Chrysler iDFSO clamps fuel

The iDFSO technology is available in the Dodge Challenger.

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One of the most logical ways to save gasoline is not to use any at all. That's the thinking behind Chrysler's Interactive Decel Fuel Shut Off, or iDFSO, which turns off the fuel supply when it isn't needed.

Many automakers use similar technology in their vehicles. Chrysler puts it on a number of engines in its Chrysler, Dodge, Ram and Jeep brands, on both V6 and V8 configurations.

Driving Force

Engines run when gasoline vapour is injected in and then exploded by the spark plug. The resulting energy moves pistons, which turn a central crankshaft; that shaft's spinning motion is transferred through the transmission and drive shafts to turn the vehicle's wheels. The crankshaft revolves at all times when the engine is running, but when you're decelerating, the vehicle's momentum is enough to keep it spinning. Since the engine is capable of running without gasoline due to this momentum, iDFSO temporarily shuts off the fuel supply.

"When you come off the throttle, the accelerator pedal sends a signal to the engine control unit," says Nick Cappa, public relations manager for Chrysler Group LLC. "The unit is also taking input from the wheel speed sensors, not just from the pedal, because if you stopped at a stoplight (without fuel supply), the engine would die. If it gets too slow, the control unit recognizes it and the engine goes into normal fuel delivery operation."

The system is seamless and goes unnoticed by the driver. Fuel is only cut off during vehicle slowdown, either when the driver takes her foot off the throttle or applies the brakes; fuel delivery remains at normal levels during all other driving. While the engine isn't receiving fuel during the shut-off period, it is still operating normally, and so peripherals such as the water pump and power brakes continue to function normally.

The system is always monitoring the engine's operation, Cappa says. "It's always going to pay attention to the speed of the vehicle. It's just calibration and sensor input only, not a different fuel pump or injectors."

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Lambo style hits Canada

They say when you've got it, flaunt it, and it's hard to flaunt any harder than tooling down your street in a Lamborghini, the cheapest of which retails for around $200,000.

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Models showcase Lamborghini's sports clothes at the grand opening of the automaker's boutique in Richmond, B.C.

But what if you don't have it and you still want to flaunt it?

Well, you can drive your Toyota Corolla to the Automobili Lamborghini Boutique in Richmond, B.C., and buy yourself a Lamborghini jacket, or a hoodie, or maybe just a coffee mug. Or if you are just visiting Vancouver, you can check in there for some out-of-town shopping.

The purveyor of ultra-exclusive, outrageously styled exotic cars has opened only its third retail shop in the world in this Vancouver suburb — the others are in Beijing and Los Angeles.

The store in Richmond's upscale Aberdeen Centre had its grand opening last weekend, highlighted by a parade of Lamborghinis to the mall and then a fashion show displaying its "collezione" of Italian-designed sporty clothes carrying Lambo's trademark Spanish fighting bull logo.

In the last three years company officials have discovered what other ultra-luxury automakers such as arch-rival Ferrari have known for some time: a lot of people want to identify themselves, even in a small way, with la dolce vita.

"If you're a luxury brand there is always the opportunity to sell even outside the core business," says Stephan Winkelmann, president of Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A.,.

The doorstop-shaped Lamborghini Gallardo, whose 560-horsepower V-10 engine rockets the two-seater to 100 kilometres an hour in 3.7 seconds, starts at around $198,000.

Dream car, to be sure. That's what the clothes and trinkets are about, too, says Winkelmann.

"It's all about emotions; it's about fulfilling dreams and we have even the duty to do something to let the people feel part of this world of Lamborghini," he says.

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Racing into history

NASCAR chose Charlotte, N.C., in the heart of stock car country, to host to the new, highly interactive Nascar Hall of Fame. Admission is $19.95 (nascarhall.com). METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

An award no company wants to win

Worst name for a car rental company? Rent-a-Bomb. That's among the winners in a new book entitled the Titanic Awards. The compilation of travel gripes was written by Doug Lansky — a travel writer in Sweden who started titanicawards.com last year to highlight the worst of the travel industry. The awards are broken down into several categories. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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5 historic destinations

Metro names must-visit monuments across the globe

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Aside from lounging on a beach sucking a mojitio and doing absolutely nothing, perhaps the greatest thing about traveling is the chance to see human history up close.

There's something both fantastically exciting and colossally humbling about reaching out to touch a monument of a long dead civilization that thought itself invincible. It makes you put down your celebrity magazine for a moment and think.

Fortunately if there's one thing the planet isn't short on it's long dead civilizations who thought themselves invincible. It's humanity's specialist subject.

Here's Metro Travel's Top five must visit historical monuments:

1 Great Wall of China

Rightly one of the Seven Wonders of the World — it's impossible to convey how massive the wall is. Even in the 21st century no-one would consider walling-off an entire nation but the Ming dynasty in 5th century BC.

China apparently thought nothing of stopping marauding hordes of Xiongnu with 8,800 kilometres of bricks and mortar. Crumbling in some places, jaw-dropping in others.

METRO WORLD NEWS

The Lost City of the Incas in Peru was built 1462 and was only rediscovered in 1911.

2 The Pyramids

It's impossible to enter the chambers of the Great Pyramid at Giza and not feel spooked, awed and transported to another time.

Even 5,000 years on these structures have an other-worldliness to them like no other monument on the planet. Of course the whole country has an embarrassment of riches — they knew how to build stuff in ancient Egypt.

The Great Pyramids in Egypt remain an architectural wonder.

3 The Parthenon

Athens can be a bit nasty but The Parthenon stands elegantly, majestically aloof from the smog and madness of downtown. Built by Pericles in the mid-5th century BC as a Doric temple to the goddess Athena it is really the birthplace of democracy. Of course you'll have to go to the British Museum in London to see the best marble friezes.

Angkor Wat in Cambodia was built in the 12th century.

4 Machu Picchu

The fabled Lost City of the Incas was built in 1462 AD and abandoned only a hundred years later, which saved it from plunder and destruction at the hands of Spanish conquistadors who genuinely had no idea where to find it.

It was only rediscovered in 1911 and even now stumbling across it after a four-day trek is magical.

5 Angkor Wat

This 12th century temple which was built by King Suryavarman II to act as his state temple and capital city has become a de facto symbol of Cambodia. Historians will tell you it's a superb example of Khmer architecture but what it actually is is truly beautiful. Unique in that it is the only temple oriented towards the west.

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Best beaches bar none

Boracay Island a tropical escape on a budget

INGA JASNA
Metro World News

I finally did it, I quit my job. But there's no point being a boss if you can't make executive decisions and my first one was to give myself a holiday.

So I bought a return ticket and jumped on a plane headed for the Philippines — Manila to be precise.

Manila is big and noisy — and like most big cities in Asia you want to leave as soon as possible. So, the next morning I boarded a tiny plane to a town called Caticlan then a short ferry to the tropical paradise that is Boracay Island.

I had no hotel so I asked a driver and ended up at Holiday Homes de Boracay — a paradise for pennies.

The normal going rate was 1500 pesos ($25) per night — but I was staying for three weeks and negotiated a 600 pesos ($10) per night deal for a suite in a beach hotel with en suite bathroom, one huge double bed and 60 channel TV.

There was a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet for about $5 and it was served at candle-lit tables on the beach.

And in Boracay, the beaches are everything.

On the seven-kilometre long, one-kilometre wide island, there are 12 of them. The longest and most famous is White Sand beach — porcelain sands framed by swaying palm trees, at the edge of crystal clear blue water — the kind of place it is impossible to take a bad picture here.

A paradise for just pennies

The nightlife is busy too. I could often hear a ballad playing in my left ear.

But what stands out most is the contrast between most mainstream resorts and Boracay — there are almost no tourists here. It makes the sea seems bluer, the sands whiter and your mind calmer. As I stepped into the waves I experienced that calm and at that moment I knew I'd made the right decision.

METRO WORLD NEWS
Boracay's sunsets are among the most beautiful in the world.

Palm trees line Boracay Island.

Balut for the brave

• Not everything in Boracay is beautiful. Food in Boracay is largely European and the seafood is excellent (try the Escondido or Boracay Crab House for some the best crab and prawns) but the braver diners may wish to sample the real local delicacy Balut. Balut is basically a duck or chicken egg with a half-formed embryo inside. It is either a charming and delicious slice of Philippines life or a horror show.

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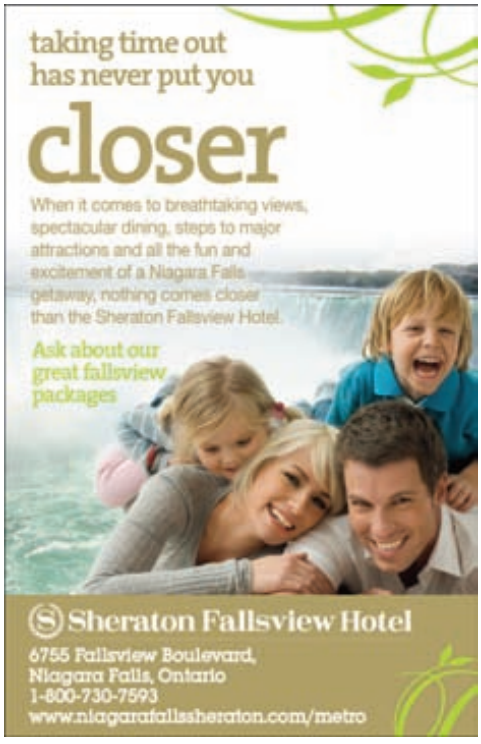
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Britain Airways to strike
British Airways PLC cabin crew plan say they will strike for a total of 20 days over a 23-day period in May and June. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Easily overlooked

Hague won't grab headlines, but its worth the trip

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

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EAT
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STAY
Hotel la ville

A tiny hotel in the city centre facing the back garden of The Royal Palace Noordeinde. Lovely rooms, royal suites and apartments equipped with Wi-Fi, TV and movie channel.

GO
Mauritshuis Museum

Brilliant art gallery which gives the much flashier Rijksmuseum a run for its money. Arguably more greats per metre than any other Euro gallery including Girl with a Pearl Earring.

DAILY BUDGET
$100
EAT
Basaal

This fabulously understated modern Euro restaurant just keeps picking up awards. The duck liver with quince is to die for and the range of Armanacs is almost obscene. (basaal.net)

STAY
Hotel Corona

The Corona Hotel is delightfully situated in three 17th century buildings on the Buitenhof in the heart of the city.

Classical atmosphere and modern facilities are perfectly combined. (corona.nl)

GO
Madurodam

This place embodies the strange Dutch concept of taking all of Holland's best landmarks and miniaturizing them.

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Poetry in the flowers
The Edenic estate in the Bronx has mounted an exhibition called The Poetry of Flowers. It focuses on the 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson, whose verse and letters described blossoms of all kinds and who was better known, when she lived, as a gardener than as a poet. (nybg.org) METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Cardiff rustic with modern twist

HANNAH SUMMERS
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The castle may be ancient but Cardiff is every inch a 21st century metropolis.

WHERE TO WAKE UP
Hilton Cardiff
(hilton.co.uk/Cardiff)

Splurge on an executive room on the seventh floor of the five-star Hilton where you can enjoy panoramic views of Cardiff Castle. Then I'd indulge in the spa before taking advantage of the best the capital has to offer.

SPEND THE MORNING
Cardiff's arcades
(visitcardiff.com)

Browsing the city's array of charming Edwardian and Victorian arcades. Specialized boutiques and independent stores provide everything from classical musical instruments to bespoke cakes and fancy dress costumes.

WHERE TO LUNCH
Ffresh

Enjoy stunning waterfront views while tucking into modern cuisine and a big glass of red wine. This contemporary stylish restaurant provides superb value for money and sources its produce from local, organic and ethical suppliers.

Jamie's Italian

SPEND THE AFTERNOON
Doctor Who Exhibit
(doctorwhoexhibition.com/cardiff.html)

Explore the huge collection of props and costumes worn by the Time Lord and his assistant before meeting the giant inflatable Daleks and Sonic Screwdrivers.

WHERE TO EAT DINNER
Jamie's Italian
(jamieoliver.com/Italian)

It's all about back to basics at Jamie's Italian where the emphasis is on marrying simple flavours using seasonal ingredients. The feel is rustic with a modern twist. I'd grab a table on the balcony to get the best view of all the action in the galley kitchen.

Stay at the Hilton Cardiff to get spectacular views of Cardiff Castle.

After thoughts

- Looking to get your culture fix? Be sure to check out the home of the Welsh National Opera. It's often overlooked by those coming to town.
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Fright Night vamp

Colin Farrell is slated to play a vampire in the Fright Night remake opposite Anton Yelchin, empireonline.com reports. Craig Gillespie is directing the Marti Noxon-scripted redo of the cult 1985 horror comedy drama. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Swift rise

She's only 20, but Taylor Swift is getting in the hall of fame. The country starlet will receive the Hal David Starlight Award at the Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards on June 17. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Matters of the heart

Redgrave, Seyfried search for love in Letters to Juliet

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Amanda Seyfried and Vanessa Redgrave star in Gary Winick's romance drama Letters to Juliet. They embark on a mission to find the lover Redgrave's character left behind in Tuscany 50 years earlier.

The key is the longstanding tourist tradition of writing letters to Juliet, Shakespeare's tragic heroine in Romeo and Juliet. Girls come to Verona from all over the world to leave lovelorn letters at Juliet's balcony, which are answered by Juliet's 'secretaries.' Director Gary Winick gave it a shot himself ... just to see, before committing to the major production with one of his most admired actresses.

"I wrote to the secretaries from New York asking for advice. You send the letter and you know Juliet doesn't exist, never did, but there are these secretaries who do and they answer. I just did it. The film pitch was that a letter got stuck in the wall and fifty years later gets answered and that person comes to find (the) person they were in love with. Everyone said 'wow, this is great'. That became a really big focus and it was a great role for an older actress. Vanessa Redgrave was our first choice. She would come back to Verona to look for her Lorenzo."

Letters To Juliet opens Friday

Redgrave avoided the cliché of longing for him. "We discussed it in the rehearsals but Vanessa didn't want it to go in that direction. She shouldn't be feeling a longing for her lover, or getting to a place where she would just want to go home. Vanessa said she feels it's an adventure and that it shouldn't escalate. She was able to build the longing even though it wasn't plotted out and the wonderful actress that she is, she did by degrees arrange these moments."

Seyfried plays an American visitor to Verona who is enchanted by the idea of a living Juliet legacy. She set Redgrave's character on her search across Italy, as she weathers her own romantic upheavals.

"Another layer that I liked and tried to make sure came across was the mother/daughter relationship of Vanessa and Amanda, their friendship. Amanda brought so much to the role, sophistication, nuance, and experience."

Winick's career as a director of chick flicks soared back in 2004 with the international success of 13 Going on 30 with Jennifer Garner. But he has noticed that usually reliable romance films are harder to make now.

"Because of that film I will always get work. And Jennifer Garner, we want to make something together this fall. But movies have changed, things got kind of weird. When we did 13 Going on 30, we just did it. Now everyone is attached but things are only kind of green lit. It's unfortunate because they keep making bad movies, either way. They should make fewer movies and better ones. And considering the demographic that rules the theatres, the young boys, and every movie I made was the exact opposite."

Perhaps most especially Letters to Juliet.

Vanessa Redgrave, left, and Amanda Seyfried star in director Gary Winick's romance drama Letters to Juliet, which opens this week.

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Stars gather for opening of Cannes

MOVIES Hard times for the economy. Hard times for the Cannes Film Festival, at least in terms of splashy Hollywood films for which the world's most prestigious cinema showcase is known.

Cannes opens today with Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett and Ridley Scott's Robin Hood, one of the few A-list premieres at this year's festival, whose lineup has an undercurrent of economic themes.

The timing of Cannes could not be better for Robin Hood. The movie opens theatrically today in France and elsewhere over the next two days, including the U.S. debut Friday, so the media frenzy as Crowe and Blanchett strut the Cannes red carpet is great publicity.

"It's an honour, but it's also bloody useful. Everything today is marketing. You've got to get positioned really fast. You better establish yourself in that opening week," said director Scott, who was not attending Cannes because of recent knee surgery. "We're very happy to be opening Cannes, because it's such an enormous venue and helps get your film out there." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Aguilera to play Toronto on July 20

Christina Aguilera confirmed details for a global tour yesterday. The tour begins July 15 in Connecticut and hits Toronto July 20. All fans who purchase tickets at LiveNation.com before June 4 will receive a digital copy of Aguilera's new album, Bionic, the day before the album is available in stores. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Connick Jr. loves Paris

Crooner linked to political figures in U.S. and France

JEROME VERMELIN
Metro World News

American singer-songwriter and actor Harry Connick Jr. has sold more than 25 million albums worldwide. He has seven top-20 albums in the U.S. alone and 10 No. 1 U.S. jazz albums, earning more number-one albums than any other artist in the U.S. jazz chart history.

Metro caught up with him as he prepared to play a show in Paris.

Q You're only playing Paris — is that your choice?

A Yes, I love playing in Paris. It's one of my favourite cities and it happens to be the same for my manager and my musicians. I have a lot of memories in this city.

Q Any particular one?

A On my latest album, Your Songs, I dedicated Charlie Chaplins' Smile song to a seven-year-old English girl who came all the way from England to see me playing in Paris. She was awfully sick, and the day after the concert we visited all the Parisian monuments. Because of her disease, she was nearly blind, but she had a smile on her face all the time.

Q What can we expect from Harry Connick Jr. in 2010 ?

A On stage I can play one song from She, my funk album, and then improvised instrumental jazz. Since the beginning of my career, I managed to impose a musical eclecticism on my producers. Maybe because I'm stubborn!

Q On Your Songs you recorded with Carla Bruni. Is she going to be with you on stage?

A We talked about it, but she's got quite a tight schedule. I must admit that in the beginning I didn't know her songs very well. But my wife was a big fan and when the prospect of working with her arose I said yes right away!

Q You played the White House recently. What do you think of U.S. President Barack Obama so far?

A If you consider there are two wars going on, an economic crisis and healthcare reform on its way, I think he's doing quite well. And he dramatically changed the way the world sees the U.S.A.

I have travelled for a long time now, and I can tell you it became cool again to be American.

Rock of Ages brings back '80s favourites

MUSICAL Toronto was getting amplified last night as members of '80s hair bands were expected to descend on the city for the red-carpet opening of the hit musical Rock of Ages.

Mirvish Productions said the guest list included scores of acts, including Twister sister guitarist J.J. French, Jim Peterik of Survivor and Poison drummer Rikki Rocket.

Also expected at the Royal Alexandra Theatre are members of Foreigner, Triumph, Prairie Oyster, Glass Tiger, Blue Rodeo, Parachute Club, Sloan, Platinum Blonde, Rough Trade and Anvil.

Mirvish also invited former American Idol finalist Constantine Maroulis, who starred in the Broadway production of Rock of Ages that won five Tony Award nominations.

Maroulis was also slated to perform in the after-party along with several other acts.

The Toronto production of Rock of Ages stars Surrey, B.C., native Elicia MacKenzie and Yvan Pedneault, who hails from Sept-Iles, Que.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Rock of Ages stars Elicia MacKenzie and Yvan Pedneault.

MacKenzie, 24, plays Sherrie, an aspiring actress who moves from Kansas to Los Angeles to make it in show business.

Pedneault plays her love interest, Drew, a young singer who works at a rock club on the Sunset Strip.

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Banks to pen fantasy novels for young girls

Tyra Banks wants to spread some truth, and a little fantasy. The talk show host and former model has agreed to a three-book deal with Delacorte Press for a fantasy series for young people. It's about a girl trying to keep up with the beauty game at an elite school. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Playboy joins 3D revolution

Playboy readers who can only imagine what it would look like if a centrefold jumped right off the page are getting new specs to help them see into Hef's world.

The magazine's June edition hits newsstands Friday equipped with 3D glasses. Now the toy that has kids dodging dragons, meatballs and tall blue aliens at the movies will help adults focus on what is, at first glance, a very blurry Playmate of the Year.

"What would people most like to see in 3D?" asked Playboy founder Hugh Hefner. "Probably a naked lady."

Hefner makes no secret of hoping to capitalize on the popularity of 3D movies such as Avatar and How to Train Your Dragon, even as he makes no secret of not quite getting what all the fuss is about.

"I'm not a huge enthusiast of 3D," he said in a telephone interview. "I leave real life to go to the movies and 2D is fine with me."

If the thought of grown men sitting back in their recliners with a pair of 3D glasses doesn't quite say Playboy, it should be noted that a few months ago the magazine put Marge Simpson — yes, the blue-haired animated mother of Bart — on the cover and in a two-page centrefold.

"In today's print environment you have to create newsstand events," said the editorial director of the Chicago-based magazine, Jimmy Jellinek. "Marge Simpson was one of those."

Playboy certainly must do something to get more people, especially younger people, to buy a magazine that has seen circulation plummet from 3.15 million in 2006 to 1.5 million today.

Jellinek said he hopes the issue featuring centrefold Hope Dworaczyk in 3D also reminds people that for all the infatuation with the Internet, there is nothing quite like having a magazine in your hands.

"People want things that last and have meaning," he said.

The thought hadn't occurred to Hefner. But, now that you mention it:

"This particular picture is one example of how books and magazines are different (than computer images)," he said. "You can hold it in your hands, save them."

Hefner notes there also are plenty of good old-fashioned 2D pictures of Dworaczyk — the 51st Playmate of the Year, for those counting at home.

3D may be all the rage, but Hefner said he first thought of using it when he launched his magazine in the 1950s.

"I actually signed a photographer to shoot two nude women in 3D in Chicago," he said. But he scrapped the idea when he discovered how expensive it would be to include the glasses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment in brief

APOLLO Smokey Robinson, Ella Fitzgerald and James Brown were among the music legends being honoured on the Apollo Theater's new Walk of Fame in New York City. Others include Little Richard Gladys Knight and the Pips. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The king of Cool

Idol contestant James has his town's support

Casey James isn't just an American Idol heartthrob. The guitar-playing crooner is also the king of Cool.

Cool, Texas, that is.

The tiny ranching and farming community where James grew up is rallying around the musician who is one of the last four contestants left in this season's show.

A marquee outside the Cool Community Center reads "Am. Idol Casey James!" At his former high school in nearby Millsap, a banner proclaiming "MHS (hearts) Casey James" hangs over the main entrance, where the doors are covered with dozens of signs: "Vote Casey — He's the Best" and "Casey James Rocks!"

A Millsap High teacher has made a shrine to James in her classroom, featuring a candle, his senior yearbook and a poster covered with his photos. Last week, about 200 people watched American Idol on big-screen televisions at the school, which has about 265 students.

American Idol contestant Casey James hails from Cool, Texas.

American Idol results show airs tonight on Fox

"It's a really big thing at school and all over town because Millsap has never had anyone famous," said Jerra Lewis, who taught James in her theatre class before he graduated in 2000.

James has been a fan favourite since his Denver audition for the Fox show's ninth season, when some of the judges asked the 27-year-old to remove his shirt and take down his ponytail — revealing wavy, dirty-blond locks.

Hollywood is a long way from Cool, a 200-resident town about 40 miles west of Fort Worth. But while playing the guitar and singing on the front porch or performing with his mother's band in local festivals, he had big dreams.

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In brief

REMAKE MTV has ordered 10 episodes of a U.S. remake of the hit British teen drama Skins, tvsquad.com reports.. The remake, like the original, will be written by a young staff and will star unknown teen actors and actresses.

NEW CHARACTER The HBO vamp series True Blood has tapped British actress Lara Pulver and 90210's Michael Steger for key roles in the show's third season, tvsquad.com reported. Pulver has singed to play Claudine, Sookie Stackhouse's fairy godmother, according to the Ausiello Files. Steger, meanwhile, will guest star as a gay prostitute named Tony who gets mixed up with the Vampire King of Mississippi.

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They mark time with hair-colour changes

Kelly Osbourne is shocked she and her fiancé have been together for two years, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 25-year-old star insists she and model Luke Worrall, 20, are happier than ever and are still inseparable after all this time. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Anne, you make bad boy choices

WAIT, BUT WHAT'S THE COMMON DENOMINATOR HERE? MAYBE SHE'S THE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND BEHIND THE BOTCHED REAL ESTATE DEALS AND ART THEFT Can't Anne Hathaway — one of Hollywood's most angelic and seemingly nice young actresses — just find a guy without some sort of criminal implications?

The Alice in Wonderland starlet is stuck in the middle of more headlines thanks to a significant other, as her new boyfriend Adam Shulman allegedly took off with part of a painted mural, popeater.com reports.

Unfortunately for Shulman, someone else claims the mural is his property, and is going to press charges unless it's returned.

For Hathaway, this must be a blatant reminder of her romantic woes past. She previously was in a long-term relationship with Raffaello Follieri, who is currently serving jail time after he pled guilty to fraud charges.

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Marking their territory

WITH A HAS-BEEN BEAT DOWN Lindsay Lohan apparently has a new nemesis in Avril Lavigne after the two allegedly engaged in a screaming match when Lohan tried to chat up Lavigne's pals at the Chateau Marmont in L.A., according to Page Six.

"As soon as she approached, Avril launched at her and said, 'Get the hell out of my face, you are fake, you are a loser! I don't like fake people. Stay away from me and my friends!'" a source says.

Lohan reportedly stomped off and tried to convince security to kick Lavigne's group out, but they refused and Lohan eventually left herself.

"Avril is avoiding going to the Chateau Marmont when she knows Lindsay will be there," the source adds.

"She doesn't want any more drama."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Chenoweth stands up for gay actors

THEY CAN ACT LIKE THEY WANT TO KISS HER Broadway actress Kristin Chenoweth has slammed Newsweek writer Ramin Setoodeh, who criticized Sean Hayes for not being able to successfully play a straight man in Promises, Promises.

He went on to generalize the casting problem to all gay actors, popeater.com reports.

An upset Chenoweth immediately wrote a lengthy response to support her Broadway co-star.

"This article offends me because I am a human being, a woman and a Christian. For example, there was a time when Jewish actors had to change their names because anti-Semites thought no Jew could convincingly play Gentile," she wrote.

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Today, **LADY GAGA** isn't complaining, **RUSSELL CROWE** isn't having a great time in France, **AVRIL LAVIGNE** is easily amused, and **RUSSELL BRAND** isn't pleased with England's election results.

@ladygaga life is a red carpet

@russellcrowe so far, Cannes as glamorous as a sausage sandwich. hotel took suits couple hours ago to steam, haven't returned. Shorts n' hood 4 press.

@AvrilLavigne Sun's coming up!!!!! Hahaha

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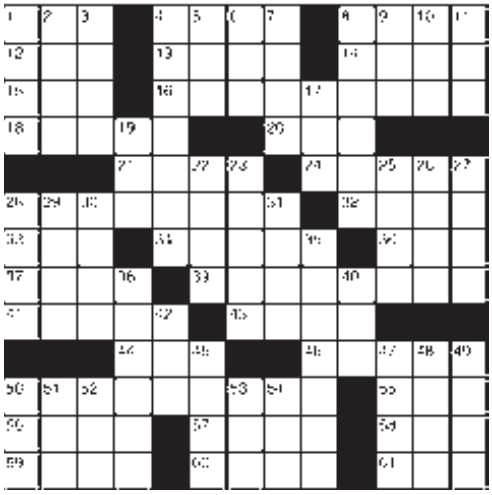

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4 Computer geek
8 Sharpen
12 Reaction to fireworks
13 Eye layer
14 Unusual
15 Ultra-modern (Pref.)
16 Home of MIT
18 Thin porridge
20 Held a meeting
21 Road Runner's sound
24 Type of golf club
28 Phnom Penh's country
32 Authentic
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34 Zeroes
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39 "Wichita Lineman" singer
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Bulgur with Spring Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/4 cups bulgur
3 1/2 cups boiling water
2 tbsp olive oil
3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
Salt to taste
1/2 tsp pepper
2 leeks, halved lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces
2 cloves garlic, minced
12 asparagus spears, cut into 2-inch lengths
1 cup frozen peas
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint

METHOD:

1. Combine bulgur and boiling water in large heatproof bowl. Let stand until bulgur is tender, 30 minutes; stir after 15 minutes. Drain bulgur in large fine-meshed sieve to get rid of remaining liquid.

2. Whisk 1 tbsp of oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add bulgur; fluff with fork to separate grains and combine them with lemon mixture.

3. Heat remaining oil in medium skillet over low heat. Add leeks and garlic; cook until leeks are tender, 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl with bulgur.

4. In steamer set over pot of boiling water, steam asparagus until tender, 4 minutes. Add peas during final 30 seconds of steaming. Add vegetables to bowl of bulgur along with mint and toss to combine. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There are some interesting things going on behind the scenes but you won't find out what they are, at least not yet. Don't worry.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If you cannot make up your mind what you should do today, seek the advice of someone whose opinions you know you can trust.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Everyday tasks and chores will make you happy today. You will appreciate the way they don't tax your brain too much.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Even the most negative of Cancerians will be looking to the future with hope. You can sense that something special is going to happen,

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If the goal you are pursuing is a goal others have persuaded you to aim for it's unlikely to lead to happiness.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Listen carefully to what friends and family and work colleagues are saying. In there somewhere is information that can be turned to your own advantage.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your words seem to carry extra weight with family and friends at the moment and if you need to sell them an idea now is the time to do it.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Whatever ideas you have over the next few days, you can be sure the planets are behind you 100 per cent.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Is someone you are close to trying to undermine you? It may seem that way but just because they are acting strangely does not mean they are.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Your way with words will open the right doors, in the right way, at the right time. Words are power. Use them wisely.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be brutally honest with people today, even those who don't take kindly to being told what to do.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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